

United States Army
Battalion Commander
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1-310 BEB
181st Infantry Brigade
First Army Division West



LTC Austin is a 1997 Distinguished Military Graduate of Western Michigan University where he commissioned in Infantry and received a Bachelor's Degree in History and a Bachelor's Degree in Education. He has also received a Masters Degree in Human Resource Management and Administration from Central Michigan University and a Masters in Operational Art and Strategy from the School of Advanced Military Studies. He is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College, the Combined Arms Staff and Services School, the Infantry Officer Advanced and Basic courses, the Mechanized Leaders Course, and has earned the US Army Ranger Tab, Airborne and Air Assault badge.

LTC Austin's first duty assignment was at Fort Drum, NY in 1st Battalion, 87th Infantry, 10th Mountain Division as a Rifle and Reconnaissance Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer as well as Assistant Operations Officer. During that time his unit deployed to Bosnia in support of Operation Joint Forge. Following the Infantry Captains Career Course, LTC Austin was assigned to 2nd Infantry Division where he served as a Division G3 Current Operations Officer at Camp Red Cloud, South Korea. He was then assigned to 5th Battalion, 20th Infantry Regiment (Stryker), 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division in Fort Lewis, WA. He served as the Battalion Plans Officer and subsequently as Commander for C Company, 52 Infantry Regiment (Stryker). The Brigade became the first operationally deployed Stryker Brigade Combat Team in 2003 when they deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Following the deployment to Iraq, LTC Austin became the Aide De Camp for the Deputy Commanding General, I Corps, Ft. Lewis. LTC Austin moved to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas where he was assigned to the Mission Command Training Program (MCTP). Subsequently, LTC Austin served as the Chief of EXCON, where he planned in the development of War Fighter Exercises at the Division and Corps Level. Following Command and General Staff College, LTC Austin was assigned to 3rd Brigade, 10th Mountain Division as the Brigade Plans Officer, and subsequently to 2nd Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment where he served as both the Operations and Executive Officer. During that assignment, the Brigade Combat Team deployed to Regional Command South, Afghanistan where it successfully neutralized enemy activity prior to transitioning operations to Afghan Forces in support of national elections and the drawdown of US Forces. Upon redeployment LTC Austin attended the School of Advanced Military Studies at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and then was assigned as the Deputy CJ5 to CJTF101 in

Regional Command East, Afghanistan. He continued in this position until assigned as the CJ5 and then G5 upon redeployment. LTC Austin was most recently assigned to US Army Cadet Command, where he served as the Professor of Military Science at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, Alabama.

LTC Austin's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star (2 Oak Leaf Cluster), Meritorious Service Medal (3 Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Commendation Medal (6 Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Achievement Medal (4 Oak Leaf Cluster), The Expert Infantry Badge, the Combat Infantry Badge, the Army Ranger Tab, Army Parachutist Badge, and the Air Assault Badge.